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FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY

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SUBJECT: GOY POSITION ON ANGOLA

1. DURING CALL ON ASSISTANT FOREIGN SECRETARY KOMATINA (INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS) TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON ZIONISM RESOLUTION, I ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ANGOLAN SITUATION PER COMMUNICATION. I REFERRED POSITIVELY TO RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (REFTEL) WHICH REPORTED THAT YUGOSLAVIA FAVORS PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND SAID USG HOPES GOY WILL NOT RUSH TO RECOGNIZE MPLA IF IT MAKES UDI. AMONG OTHER REASONS BECAUSE MPLA DOES NOT CONTROL LARGE AREA OF COUNTRY IT CLAIMS TO.

2. KOMATINA STATED THAT AS OF NOW ONLY DECISION GOY HAS REACHED IS TO SUPPORT FORMATION OF UNIFIED ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID GOY OFFICIALLY NOTIFYING USG THROUGH EMBASSY IN ALL WASHINGTON, AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND SOVIET
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AMBASSADOR, WHO CALLED IN RECENT DAYS TO PRESENT SOVIET

POSITION AND URGE YUGOSLAV SUPPORT MPLA, THAT IT FAVORS RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THREE ANGOLAN GROUPS AND REACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CRISIS.

3. KOMATINA STATED THAT "MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ALGERIA" ARE TRYING TO DISSUADE MPLA AND UDI, POINTEDLY EXCLUDING SOVIETS FROM THIS GROUP, AND NOTED HOPEFUL NEWS FROM OAU DELIBERATIONS IN KAMPALA. IF MPLA NOETHELESS MAKES UDI, KOMATINA EXPECTED THAT SOVIET EXAMPLE IN RECOGNIZING NEW REGIME MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES. GOY, HOWEVER, HAS TOLD MPLA THAT IT COULD NOT COUNT ON YUGOSLAV RECOGNITION AND IN DOING SO HAS STRAINED LONG FRIENDSHIP WITH IT. KOMATINA SAID HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHAT GOY POSITION MIGHT BE IF MPLA MAKES UDI AND WINS RECOGNITION FROM NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS, BUT IT IS MAKING NO PROMISES.

4. LATEST ISSUES OF PARTY ORGAN KOMUNIST AND PRESTIGUOUS WEEKLY EKONOMSKA POLITIKA HAVE ARTICLES WHICH STRESS MPLA'S LEGITIMACY AND POLITICAL PREDOMINANCE BASED ON FACT THAT IT WAS ORIGINAL ANTI-COLONIALIST MOVEMENT AND ITS ALLEGED CONTROL OF MOST OF COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH KOMATINA SAID UNITA WAS NOT IN ANTI-COLONIALIST STRUGGLE AND WAS LAST TO APPEAR ON SCENE HE ASSERTED ONE COULD NOT DENY THAT IT CONTROLS LARGE AREAS OF ANGOLA AND CID THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ALL THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
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